GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO KERALA
S. AJAYA KUMAR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any memorandum seeking financial assistance to the tune of Rs.79.5 crores for extending relief to the farmers affected by coconut mite attack on coconut trees; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR

(a) and (b): In December,1999, the State Government of Kerala had submitted a memorandum to the Union Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Co-operation) seeking Central Assistance to the tune of Rs.79.56 crores from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of the coconut mite attack. After examining the same in detail, the Union Ministry of Agriculture sent a reply to the State Government of Kerala in March, 2000 stating that the calamity could not prima facie be treated as one of rare severity to qualify for assistance from the NFCR.